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ARTEMA ISLAND

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island. Seen from the sea, the island looks like a brown, slightly hilly plain. There is no vegetation on the island. 50X1

50X1. [redacted] that no prisoner of war or concentration camps were ever located on this island. There is also no military installation located there. [redacted] that the oil installations are guarded by military guards who come under the Ministry of the Oil Industry of the USSR.

5. There is no direct communication with Baku. There is a continuous movement of launches between the island and eastern end of the Apsheronsk peninsula, in the area about the Shalonski lighthouse. The dock area is located in the northern part of the island, on the western side, near the village.

6. As far as there being restrictions on visiting the island and restricted areas on the island [redacted] 50X1

7. An oil pipeline crosses the strait from the island to the Apsheronsk peninsula, heading in the direction of Kala.

8. Shiphandlers approaching Artema Island regularly fix their positions on the Apsheronsk lighthouse, located on the Apsheronsk peninsula, opposite Artema Island. The lighthouse is built of stone, and is a round tower about 100 meters high. The lighthouse has two lights, one above the other. The upper light is a fixed white, while the lower light is a fixed white and red-green.

ZHILOY ISLAND

9. Zhiloy Island is located a distance of about 20 kilometers to the east from the tip of the Apsheronsk peninsula (Shakhova Spit). The island has the appearance of a horseshoe, is about eight kilometers long and one to two kilometers wide. The most obvious feature of the island is the lighthouse 'Zhiloy', which consists of a two-story white building with a stone tower rising from the second story. In all, the lighthouse is about 50 meters high, the building being about 10 meters and the tower 40 meters. The lighthouse has a fixed white light and a flashing red light. Additionally, the island is protected on the north side by a whistling buoy with a flashing red light, and on the South by a similar type buoy. 50X1

10. A small village of small, primarily one-story flat-roofed homes is located on the island. These are for the oil workers and their families. [redacted] present time, oil well drilling is taking place at a great rate, and there is a large number of oil derricks on the northern part of the island. [redacted] the oil wells on this island are being exploited at a very rapid rate. 50X1

11. There are no military installations on the island, [redacted] of any prisoner of war or concentration camp being located there. There is no vegetation on the island, and, from the sea, it has the appearance of a dirty yellow plain. A small wooden dock is located on the western side of the island, and small, shallow draft launches approach the island from the Apsheronsk peninsula. There is no regular communication with Baku. From time to time, during severe storms, small freighters approach the western side of the island and anchor there for protection against the storms. These freighters are operated by the Steamship Line Kaspiyflot. 50X1

50X1. [redacted] restriction on visiting the island, nor of any restricted areas on the island. [redacted] the area about Zhiloy Island is not classified as a restricted area. 50X1

MARGIN ISLAND

13. Margin Island is located in Baku Bay, opposite the city of Baku, about eight kilometers from the city boundary. The island is small, being about two or three kilometers long, and 1 to 1½ kilometers wide. A small tower, about 12 meters high, is located on the island. At nightfall there is a white flashing light atop the tower. At one time there were a lot of ruins on this island, both buildings and towers. These are no longer there, and instead there is a small village of one and two-story flat-roofed white buildings which house the oil workers and their families. [redacted] that these homes were built mainly by prisoners of war who were maintained there after World War II until the end of 1947 or to early 1948. As of 1951, [redacted] the island, there were no longer any prisoners of war there. Up to 1940, a prison was located on the island. 50X1

14. Oil well drilling is going on on the island and in the area surrounding the island. There are a great number of oil derricks located between the island and that part of the city of Baku known as Bairovo. Also, a small wooden dock is located on the island, to which launches and small motor boats ply from the city of Baku. There is no vegetation on the island and from the sea it appears as a dirty yellow plain. There are no military installations located on the island. [redacted] of any restrictions relative to visiting the island [redacted] of any restricted areas on the island. Sea going

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vessels, leaving Baku for the open sea, leave the island on the port side, and pass within 100 meters of the island, so that all that the island contains is easily visible to anyone aboard the passing vessels.

RESTRICTED AREAS IN BAKU AND ITS ENVIRONS

15. The area about Kushlyi, a suburb north of Baku, was classified as a restricted area due to the fact that a prison is located there.
16. The area where the old naval base is located, between Morskoi Boulevard and the ship repair factory imeni Parizkoi Kommuni, was classified as a restricted area, and approach from the shore and from the sea was forbidden. The sea approach to this area was classified as being an area dangerous to sailing. Regardless of the fact that the naval base was completely guarded, a good view of the base could be had from Nagorno Park imeni Kirovo, which was located on a hill overlooking the base. At the present time, only old submarines and dated war vessels are anchored there. During recent years, the naval base in the southern part of Baku Bay has gained in importance. This base is located behind the ship repair factory imeni Vano Styrya and now harbors the more modern war vessels. This area is classified restricted, and approach is forbidden both by sea and from the shore.
- 50X1 17. [] the Navy is turning more and more to the Vano Styrya Shipyard for repair work. In the past, most of the work for the Navy had been done by the Parizkoi Kommuni Shipyard.

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